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## **Direction and Control of the Search Function – “Winter SAR Operations”**

### **WINTER SEARCH MANAGEMENT SEARCH AND RESCUE COURSE**

**Fallen Leaf Lake, South Lake Tahoe California**

**Hosted By: El Dorado County Sheriff in Conjunction with Placer County Sheriff  
January 31 – February 4, 2005**

**Direction and Control of the Search Function – “Winter SAR Operations”** is a 5-Day, 40-hour POST approved classroom and field instruction course with trained, professional, experienced instructors. The course is designed by the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services-Law Enforcement Branch for search and rescue coordinators in agencies that may need to conduct a search and rescue mission during severe winter conditions. The course is directed toward search and rescue coordinators, their alternates, team leaders and others having those management responsibilities.

Course objectives include:

- How to properly manage a winter search.
- Understand the importance of the Winter Search Pre-plan.
- Identification and utilization of winter resources; discuss their functions and limitations.
- Special considerations for cold weather operations.
- Understanding cold weather medical injuries and hypothermia.
- The selection of mountain backpacks, contents, and personal clothing.
- Identify key factors in avalanche rescue.
- Utilization of aircraft in winter operations.
- Winter ground search mobility (Nordic skiing, snow shoeing, special equipment, etc.).
- Personal survival in “winter” conditions (sheltering).

**WHEN:** January 31 – February 4, 2005.

**WHERE:** Fallen Leaf Lake, Stanford Sierra Conference Center, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, CA

**DATE and TIME**

**CONFERENCE LOCATION & LODGING**

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| January 31- February 4      | Stanford Sierra Conference Centers | \$120.54 per day                              |
| 0800 – (ending time varies) | Fallen Leaf Lake, South Lake Tahoe | Includes Lodging, All<br>Lodge Meals and Tax. |

Directions: See attached map.

While the Stanford Sierra Conference Center is closed for the winter season during this time frame, they have agreed to open and operate the facilities for our course. Therefore, there are special arrangements that have been made for arrival and accommodations. Accepted applicants will be sent special instructions on arrival times and details as well as arranged accommodations.

**COURSE REGISTRATION:** Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis when applications are received and approved by our office. Applicants should register as soon as possible since class size is limited. **Telephone registration will not be accepted.** After receiving your application we will email you a student package.

**TO REGISTER BY INTERNET**

Go to [www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov). Select **OES Division and Regions** located to the left of the page. Select **OES Law Enforcement Branch**, Select **Wilderness Search and Rescue**, then select **Click Here for SAR Training Schedule**. Select **Go To online application**. Scroll to the bottom of the Student Requirements page and select **Click to Access Student Application**.

This course is certified by the California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) under Plan IV for full-time, regular law enforcement officers. Each student receives a manual, shoulder patch, lapel pin and a certificate upon course completion.

Attachments: Map  
Student Requirement/Application Form  
Generic Agenda  
Equipment/Clothing List

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